

## Sonali Bank launches payment services with Meghna Bank

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Sonali Bank and Meghna Bank have launched digital payment services to collect pension scheme installments and various charge fees through mobile financial service 'MeghnaPay Wallet' and internet banking portal by using Sonali Payment Gateway.

HN Ashequr Rahman, chairman of Meghna Bank, and Md Afzal Karim, managing director and CEO of Sonali Bank, inaugurated the services at a hotel in Dhaka on Tuesday.

The banks earlier signed an agreement to this end, read a press release.

Under the deal, Meghna Bank customers can pay their chalan, utility bill, pension scheme installments, and various charge fees from home using Sonali Bank's payment gateway services.

A total of 872 government and non-government institutions use Sonali Payment Gateway services to collect fees and other charges.

Among others, Sanchia Binte Ali and Parsoma Alam, deputy managing directors of Sonali Bank, and Kimiwa Sattar, managing director and CEO (current charge) of Meghna Bank, along with other senior officials of both organisations were also present.



HN Ashequr Rahman, chairman of Meghna Bank, and Md Afzal Karim, managing director and CEO of Sonali Bank, pose for photographs after inaugurating a payment service at a hotel in Dhaka on Tuesday. PHOTO: SONALI BANK

## National Bank gets new DMD

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National Bank has appointed Md Abdul Matin as deputy managing director, effective March 5.

Matin was serving South Bangla Agriculture and Commerce (SBAC) Bank as deputy managing director prior to joining his new role, the bank said in a press release.

He worked in different capacities in prominent financial institutions in Bangladesh throughout his extensive banking career.

He began his professional journey with Southeast Bank as a probationary officer in 1996.

Matin previously served in Eastern Bank, Dhaka Bank, National Bank, and Prime Bank.

He obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from the University of Dhaka and did an MBA in management from the same university.



Md Abdul Matin



Abdul Aziz, additional managing director of Shahjalal Islami Bank, and Rana Dasgupta, chief executive officer of Kolkata's Apollo Multispecialty Hospitals, exchange signed documents of an agreement at the bank's corporate head office in Dhaka on Tuesday. PHOTO: SHAHJALAL ISLAMI BANK

## Shahjalal Islami Bank inks deal with Kolkata's Apollo hospital

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Shahjalal Islami Bank has signed an agreement with Kolkata's Apollo Multispecialty Hospitals.

Md Riad Hossain, senior assistant vice-president and head of card division of the bank, and Rana Dasgupta, chief executive officer of the hospital, inked the deal at the bank's corporate head office in Dhaka on Tuesday, read a press release.

Under this deal, the bank's cardholders, employees and family members will get 15 to 35 percent discount on any type of medical treatment from the hospital.

Mosleh Uddin Ahmed, managing director of the bank, and Abdul Aziz, additional managing director, were present.

Among others, SM Mainuddin Chowdhury, Mian Quamrul Hasan Chowdhury and M Akhter Hossain, additional managing directors of the bank, and Srijib Gosh, senior marketing manager of hospital, MM Masumuzzaman, managing director of SEOK Healthcare, and Farhana Hasnat Tuli, head of digital marketing, were also present.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (MAR 4, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 62-Tk 75	0	1.48 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 50	-2.00 ↓	2.08 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 45-Tk 50	-3.06 ↓	-19.76 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	10.26 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 150-Tk 155	-5.57 ↑	-10.29 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 25-Tk 30	-31.25 ↓	34.15 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 110-Tk 120	24.32 ↑	283.33 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 40-Tk 45	-8.60 ↓	-2.30 ↓

SOURCE: TCB

## Can China maintain

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Some of the policy responses from indebted cities highlight the difficulty of shifting growth gears. Cutting civil servant pay, and raising fines on small businesses to boost revenue run contrary to the aim of boosting consumption.

But driving household income growth when revenues are falling requires funds to be taken from other parts of municipal economies, among the wealthiest being the state firms and their contractors.

"Redistributing resources towards households means transferring money away from vested interests," said Joe Peissel, an economic analyst at Trivium China. To be sure, Chinese officials on Tuesday announced specific plans that go towards boosting consumption.

Officials plan to raise farmers' pensions by 20 yuan (\$2.78) a month to 103 yuan. They also plan to reduce

childcare costs and improve elderly care as part of a "proactive national strategy in response to population aging."

Li announced a "new model" to develop real estate, focused on government-subsidised housing for people on low incomes.

Some analysts also expect China to announce subsidies for households to upgrade home appliances - a one-off measure that would bring forward some spending plans.

And China's state planner flagged efforts to further relax urban registration permits, allowing more migrant workers to access basic public services.

Some analysts also point to China's push for new productive forces to move its manufacturing complex up the value chain as important for household incomes, given the high youth unemployment levels.

And trying to give the economy a

near-term boost is not without merit, if it creates more space for structural changes later, some say.

Hwabao Trust economist Nie Wen says advanced industries can help China reach its target of creating 12 million new urban jobs and absorbing a similar number of university students graduating this year into the labour force.

"In the short term, demand is weak, and both households and companies face relatively big deflationary pressures, while high-quality growth and risk control are long-term issues. We need to strike a balance," Nie said.

That balancing act likely means Chinese debt - now roughly three times its economic output - must go up to finance investment in high-tech industries, and manage the pace of the property downturn and the restructuring of municipal liabilities.

## Bangladesh Monitor names winners of Dhaka Travel Mart

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The Bangladesh Monitor announced the winners of the daily and grand raffle draws of the just concluded "Biman Dhaka Travel Mart 2024".

Shafiqul Islam won the first prize, a pair of air tickets from Dhaka-Jeddah and Medina-Dhaka, Masfucul Amin received the second prize, a pair of round-trip tickets to the Maldives, while Jahedul Karim Bhuiya won third prize, a round trip to Dubai.

Kazi Wahidul Alam, editor of The Bangladesh Monitor, and AKM Shohidul Islam, deputy general manager for marketing of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, handed over the prizes to the winners at a function held at the Dhanmondi Club in Dhaka on Tuesday, read a press release.

Among others, Kamrul Islam, general manager of public relations of US-Bangla Airlines, Ganesh Rajaram, country manager for Air India, Saadman Salahuddin, director



Kazi Wahidul Alam, editor of The Bangladesh Monitor and organiser of "Biman Dhaka Travel Mart 2024", hands over air tickets to the winner of a raffle draw at Dhanmondi Club on Tuesday. PHOTO: BANGLADESH MONITOR

marketing of InterContinental Dhaka, Md Nazrul Islam, director of sales and marketing at Dhaka Regency Hotel, and Tahera Khandker, general manager of public relations of the magazine, were also present.

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ  
পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়  
ভোলা।  
দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০৭/২০২৩-২০২৪

২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরের ৪র্থ কোয়ার্টার (এপ্রিল হতে জুন, ২০২৪) এর জন্য মূল্য পূরণ বেনাম টোকার জন্য বেনাম সামগ্রী ক্রয়/বিক্রয়/পরিবহন/সুবিধা/গম পেয়াই/এর নিমিত্তে নি:পাবলিক প্রতিযোগিতা আইন ২০০৬ ও বিধিমালা ২০০৮ এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট ২০০৯" এর অধীনে নি:পাবলিক প্রতিযোগিতা পদ্ধতিতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাবে।

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০১	সয়াবিন তেল ক্রয় (কিউমিটার 'এ' সমৃদ্ধ-ভোজ্য ব্যোতলাজাত)	২৫,০০০ লিটার (কম/বেশী)	৭৫০/-	১,০০,০০০/-	কর্তৃপক্ষের ১০ দিনের মধ্যে
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০৩	পোশাক ও চাল ক্রয় (জ্যেষ্ঠদের ১ কিলোর পরিমাণ)	২,৫০০ কিলো (কম/বেশী)	৪০০/-	১৫,০০০/-	কর্তৃপক্ষের ১০ দিনের মধ্যে
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০৫	পরিবহন (সুবিধা/গম হতে)	১০০,০০০ কিলো (কম/বেশী)	৪০০/-	৫০০০/-	৪র্থ কোয়ার্টার এপ্রিল হতে জুন/২৪ পর্যন্ত
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